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A FIRE ORDINANCE.

PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COMMITTEE,
BUT LAID OVER FOR AMENDMENT.

The Committee Will Open Lincoln Place
—Progress in Road and Sidewalk Construction—Work on the Sewer.

The members of the Township Committee have decided to take upon themselves the task of opening Lincoln Place in Glen Ridge. This proposed street runs parallel with Ridgewood Avenue from Washington Street to Lincoln Street, between Ridgewood Avenue and Douglas Road. It was laid out by the Surveyors of Highways about two years ago, but has never been opened as a public highway. The chief obstacle in the way of its opening has been the Rev. Dr. George C. Selbert, who owns property through which the street will run, and whose fence extends about two-thirds of the way across the street. Dr. Selbert refused to take down the fence or to permit any one else to do it. W. H. Dewitt, an interested property owner, appealed to the Town Committee at a previous meeting to open the street or to designate some legal way by which the property-owners could overcome the opposition of Dr. Selbert and open the street themselves. Town Counsel Barrett rendered an opinion to the Town Committee to the effect that they were not obligated to open the street, but that that duty was incumbent on the property-owners.

Lawyer Harry E. Richards was present at the meeting on Monday as counsel for the property-owners. Mr. Richards contended that it was absolutely necessary for the Committee to open the road when requested to do so by the Surveyors of Highways.

Mr. Stout said that he understood that it was not the duty of the Committee to open the road, and asked Mr. Barrett if such was not the case.

Mr. Barrett replied that such was the opinion given by him at a previous meeting, and he still maintained it. Mr. Barrett said that when the street had been opened and reduced to grade by the property-owners then the Committee could accept it. The statute required the Surveyors of Highways to lay out a street. The Township Committee could not open the street in the first instance before the Surveyors of Highways were called in, and could not afterward. Mr. Barrett quoted from the law under which the Surveyors of Highways acted, and cited the technicalities to be conformed to by the petitioning property-owners. Mr. Barrett said that if Dr. Selbert signed the petition for the street his rights are now subject to that street.

Mr. Richards contended that the powers formerly lodged in Overseers of the Highways, an office formerly in vogue in this town, are now vested in the members of the Town Committee, and it was their duty to carry out under the law the duties formerly devolving on the Overseers of the Highways. He read from the statute and cited precedents in which he claimed the courts upheld his view of the case.

Mr. Stout moved that the matter be referred back to the Legal Committee.

Mr. Beach opposed any further delay in the matter. He said the property-owners wanted the street opened and wanted it at once, he deemed it a matter of public policy to open it. The property at present only paid a tax on about \$200 per acre valuation; with the street open it would not be long before the valuation would be four or five thousand dollars per acre.

Mr. Beach questioned Mr. Barrett about the Committee's rights in the case, and Mr. Barrett conceded that the Committee had a legal right to open the street if they desired to do so.

Mr. Stout said that was a new view of the case to him; he had been under the impression that the Committee had no right on the premises at all. He withdrew his former motion, and moved to refer the matter to the Road Committee with power.

The Road Committee will open the street, and in the meantime Mr. Lockwood will wait upon Dr. Selbert and endeavor to prevail upon him to withdraw his opposition.

The Road Committee reported the macadamizing of North Broad Street completed to the Passaic County line, and a very satisfactory job done. They top-dressed about 500 feet of the road that was macadamized last year, but which was in bad condition. They reported that work was being done on Spruce Street, between Montgomery and Liberty Streets, and on Spruce Street north of Belleville Avenue.

The Sidewalk Committee reported that applications for about 6,000 feet of flagstone sidewalk were received up to date, 1,900 feet of which was laid. The Committee has about \$2,000 left to spend on sidewalks.

The Crosswalk Committee reported applications for ten crosswalks, four of which were laid. They recommended the laying of two crosswalks at the junction of Ridgewood and Linden Avenues, and one at Ridgewood Avenue and

Appleton Place, which recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Stout asked if any application had been made for a crosswalk at Winsor Place. He was informed there had not.

Mr. Gilbert suggested the junction of Orange Street and Bloomfield Avenue as a place very much in need of a crosswalk.

The Orange Water Company's bill of \$3,900 was presented for water service from 132 hydrants for six months, beginning January 1.

The Water Committee recommended the extension of the water main from Midland Avenue to Ridgewood, through Macois Avenue, and the erection of an additional hydrant on the latter street. It was adopted.

Mr. Barrett reported that the property-owners on Park Place were ready to dedicate ten feet of property along that street to the town. The dedication, it was stated, also included ten feet of Samuel Baxter's property along that street. The Maps and Surveys Committee were directed to have a map of the property prepared.

The Sewer Committee presented a bill from the city of Orange, amounting to \$4,451, being this town's proportionate share of the expense of the work done on the outlet sewer up to July 1. The following letter accompanied the bill:

MR. E. A. RAYNER: MY DEAR SIR—In the absence of any authority from your Committee to send a statement of moneys due from Bloomfield to Orange, under the agreement to construct the outlet sewer, to any special township officer, I send the statement to you.

There have been expended on the outlet line below the junction of Newark Avenue and Franklin Street, Bloomfield, up to July 1, 1892, approximately \$21,422.29, as indicated on the accompanying estimate sheet. There are some few scattered bills not here included, but they are unimportant; they will be submitted next month.

Bloomfield's share in this expense is determined by the ratio of 3,000,000 gallons (the capacity elected by the parties to the agreement, viz.: 7,200,000 by Orange, 4,250,000 by Montclair and 3,000,000 by Bloomfield). Expressed as a percentage, Bloomfield's share is 20.76 per cent. of the total expended, or \$4,451.

This amount under contract is due within fifteen days.

Respectfully yours,

CARROLL P. BARRETT.

Mr. Rayner offered a resolution authorizing the giving of the township note in payment of the bill in anticipation of the issuing of sewer bonds. The resolution was adopted. Mr. Rayner was designated as the person to whom communications relating to the sewer should be addressed. Bloomfield and Montclair will unite in the cost of employing a competent engineer to verify the sewer construction bills as to the quantity of work done and as to whether it is done in accordance with the specifications.

The Fire Committee reported that Assessor Baxter had prepared and furnished a list of the number of exempt firemen. The number of firemen exempt is 75 and the valuation of property exempt is \$29,350.

The Fire Committee introduced the fire ordinance which has been a long while in preparation. It is very comprehensive in its scope and shows evidence of much study and care in the framing of it. It was referred back to the Fire Committee for amendment of the portion relating to out-of-town members.

Under the ordinance the membership of the Truck Company is limited to thirty-six and each of the hose companies to twenty-one. At least two-thirds of the membership of each company must be persons who are in town day and night. Members must have a yearly average duty record of 50 per cent. This change of the ordinance led to a long discussion. It was manifest that if "out-of-town" was to be taken as an excuse. A number of members would possess an unfair advantage over others. To equalize matters Mr. Stout proposed that the "out-of-town" members be requested to show a record of 75 per cent. of duty at night fires.

The ordinance will serve to bring the Bloomfield Volunteer Fire Department under perfect discipline. No change has been made in the working rules of the department.

The Clerk was directed to write to the Newark Passenger Railway Company and request them to improve the service on the Bloomfield division. It was not stated what particular improvement was desired, but it is presumed there is too long an interval between cars, and passengers are compelled to undergo a long and tiresome wait at the car stables.

The company asked permission some time ago to apply the trolley system to their cars on Bloomfield Avenue, and also to extend their tracks to the Montclair line. Representatives of the company said that as soon as the Orange branch was in good working order attention would be given to the Bloomfield Avenue branch.

Messrs. Stout, Oakes and Beach sharply criticized the bill presented by Publisher J. M. Unangst for advertising the tax sales. The bill amounted to \$75, and was properly certified to by Tax Collector A. C. Marr. When it was explained to the Committee that the charge of \$1 for each name was fixed by statute and that the charge was assessed against the property sold, a different view of the matter was taken, and the bill ordered passed.

A letter from Thomas N. McCarter, counsel for the Lehigh Valley Railroad, was read, relating to the Montgomery Street bridge. It was stated that owing to the recent alliance of the Lehigh Valley Company with the Philadelphia and Reading Company a change had been made in the management of affairs and it would be well for the Committee to submit a statement in writing of just what was needed at Montgomery Street, and what portion of the expense the township would bear in the construction of a new bridge. The matter was referred to Messrs. Stout and Oakes, the special committee to whom the Montgomery Street bridge matter has been referred.

Special sale of Russet Shoes at Shoen-thal's. —Advt.

PAUPER PATIENTS.

The Township Will Pay for Their Care at the Mountsides Hospital.

Samuel Olden, an inmate of the Montclair Poor House, has been a patient in the Mountsides Hospital over a year. Ann Snyder, an inmate of the Bloomfield Poor House, fell and broke her leg. She was taken to the Mountsides Hospital, and a bill amounting to \$73.50 for her care at the hospital was presented to Poormaster Voorhees. The bill came in at the end of the year, and Mr. Voorhees wrote to the hospital association informing them that as soon as the new Committee was ready for business the bill would be paid. When the bill was presented to the Town Committee Mr. Stout objected to its present payment and had it laid over. Mr. Stout objected on the ground that it was uncertain whether other townships interested in the hospital paid anything for the care of their pauper patients at the hospital. He did not consider it fair to charge one town and not charge another.

The Hospital Association has presented a bill to the Montclair Town Committee for the care of Samuel Olden, and it has been referred to a sub-committee to investigate, and this same committee has been authorized to arrange with the hospital folks for the care of Montclair's pauper patients in the future, presumably on a fixed weekly charge. There does not seem to be any doubt but that it was an economical move on the part of Overseer Voorhees in placing Mrs. Snyder in the hospital, for to give her injuries the medical care required would have cost considerable more if the Township Physician had cared for her at the poor-house in Brookdale.

The relation of the town to the hospital in the matter of caring for pauper patients was the subject of a prolonged discussion at the Township Committee meeting last Monday. Some of the members were of the opinion that as long as all the townships were treated alike it was the proper thing to pay for town patients. Others of the Committee disagreed with them and thought it would bring the hospital more in touch with the public if the poor were treated free.

Mr. Hummel suggested that the town endow two or more beds at the hospital to be reserved for town patients. This plan was pronounced infeasible.

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Mr. Beach said that patients received at the hospital were asked if they were able to pay, or if friends would pay for them, and if such was the case a charge was made.

It seemed very likely that both Bloomfield and Montclair will compensate the hospital association for the care of patients sent there from the almshouses of the respective towns.

The Bloomfield Cyclists Reorganized.

About twenty-five wheelmen assembled at the belt factory of James Crisp & Co., on Bloomfield Avenue, last Tuesday night, in response to a call issued, to form a bicycle club. Howard B. Davis was elected chairman and William L. Johnson secretary. A temporary organization was effected, and nearly thirty were enrolled as members. Various committees were appointed, and it was decided to hold another meeting next Monday night, when the club will be permanently organized and officers elected. All wheelmen in this vicinity are cordially invited to attend and become members. It is probable that the organization will be styled the Bloomfield Cyclists. After the meeting had adjourned on Tuesday night about a dozen of the wheelmen enjoyed a short run through Montclair.

Mr. Baldwin Recovered His Watch.

Constable B. F. Baldwin of No. 109 Franklin Street, while at work on a house at No. 49 Webster Street, Newark, last Friday, had a valuable watch and chain stolen from his vest, which he had left hanging in one of the rooms. Harry Van Cleaf, who resides in the house, was suspected of the theft and was arrested by Detective Hill and locked up in the Second Precinct police station, where he confessed to the stealing. The watch and chain were recovered in a pawn-shop.

Officer Foster and the Peddler.

A Hebrew vender of neckties, etc., gave Officer Foster, who wished to ascertain whether he had a license or not, a lively chase on Thursday afternoon. After a long run, however, the officer, who wears a No. 10 shoe and is the champion sprinter of Active Hose Company, caught the peddler and took him before Justice Hall. The fellow begged so hard to be released that the Justice discharged him with a warning.

To Petition for Macadam.

The East Orange officials will macadamize Westcott Street to the Bloomfield line. The property owners on the Bloomfield portion of Westcott Street and on Thornton Street will request the Town Committee of this town to continue the macadam to Prospect Street a distance of about 400 feet.

Fell From a Window.

A little child, son of a Polisher residing on Second Street, while playing near the window of the second story of its father's residence on Thursday, fell to the ground. The boy was but slightly hurt about the head, and will recover.

Happy and content is a home with "The Rochester," a lamp with the light of the morning. Call on Rochester Lamp Co., 44 Park Place, N. Y.

Don't let your lawns burn, but use tobacco and sulphur lawn fertilizer. Samuel Peloubet's. —Advt.

PASTORS' VACATIONS.

A Correspondent Objects to Closing the Churches During the Warm Weather.

An arrangement has been entered into by which Westminster Church will be closed during the last three Sundays of August, the congregation uniting with that of the First Presbyterian Church, and during September the First Church will be closed and its congregation will worship in the Westminster Church. The Rev. George A. Paul will take a somewhat longer vacation than usual this year. He and Mrs. Paul sail for Scotland this afternoon, and will travel during their absence in that country, visiting the various points of interest, and will return in time for Mr. Paul to preach on the 4th of September. The Rev. Dr. Ballantine will be away during September, and will spend his vacation with his family in the White Mountains.

A correspondent writes as follows on the question of closing churches during the heated spell:

"While it has been the custom from time immemorial for many of the churches in the cities and in neighboring villages to be closed during some portion of the hot weather, it has been to the credit of Bloomfield that all of her churches, for a good many years at any rate, have remained open every Sunday in the year. The pastors have had vacations every summer, to be sure, and it is perfectly right that they should, but there has always been preaching in the churches, and the stay-at-homes have had the satisfaction of attending church in their accustomed places of worship."

"There is a serious question in the minds of many as to the advisability of closing any of the churches. The only reason which can be given for such a course is that the congregations dwindle to very small proportions during hot weather, and that by uniting two congregations one of respectable size will be the result. (Of course the question of expense does not enter into the matter at all.)"

"There are many people accustomed to attend church at the 'Old Church' who live at too great a distance from Westminster to go there; and vice-versa. With one church closed in August and the other in September, these people will be deprived of the pleasure and profit of attending church for two months. Others there are who attend quite regularly at one church, and who will stop going altogether the minute that church is closed, never under any circumstances, for reasons best known to themselves, going to any other church."

"The question, then, is asked: Would it not be better to stick to the old custom of keeping all the churches open, so that all stay-at-home church-goers might have the privilege of going to their own churches, even though the congregation does dwindle to a mere handful?"

Fairview People Complain of a Nuisance.

Fairview residents complain of a nuisance existing on the lower part of Newark Avenue, just over the Belleville line. A large quantity of fertilizer has been dumped on the ground to the great annoyance of the neighborhood. Appeals have been made to Health Inspector Corby, but he says the nuisance is out of his jurisdiction. Complaint will now be made to the Belleville health authorities, with a request to have the nuisance abated.

"Home, Sweet Home," at Midnight.

Residents near the Centre have been treated to an accordion recital at about twelve o'clock every night for the past week. The artist's repertoire consists of "Home, Sweet Home." It is rumored that he was one of the excursionists to the Delaware Water Gap on Tuesday, and had the pleasure of running up against one of the many fire-flam games there.

Struck by an Electric Car.

A wagon belonging to the Newark City Ice Company of this place driven by Bernard Caniff of Bloomfield Avenue was struck by car No. 44 of the electric line in Orange on Monday. The wagon was damaged considerably and one of the mules injured. The Traction Company will no doubt pay for the damage done.

Will Celebrate Their Tenth Anniversary.

The tenth anniversary of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 570, will be held in the lodge-room on Glenwood Avenue, on Friday evening, August 5. There will be singing and recitations by the Bloomfield Glee Club and a quartette from the "Jolly Five." Refreshments will be served by Brother A. Day at the conclusion of the entertainment.

Bowling Scores.

The following are the best bowling scores made at the Olympic during the past week: H. Benson 201, G. Lee Stout, Jr. 191, A. M. Barnes 187, L. Capen 181, Miss Agnes Clark 129.

Drained Their Wells.

The property owners on Willett and John Streets complain that their wells are being drained by the steam pump of the Sewer Construction Co. on Montgomery Avenue.

Notice Shoenthal's new advertisement on page 4. —Advt.

How the East Line Was Established.

Ancient days were not all peaceful in this town. Disputes of a varied character disturbed the public mind in bygone days as well as in modern times. The offer of the Park Place property owners to dedicate ten feet of property along that street to the town recalls to the mind of the well-known historical authority, "Uncle William" Cadmus, a bitter fight that raged for a long time between the old property-owners on that street and the Town Committee. "Uncle William" says that the property-owners then claimed title to the ground up to the row of trees that line the east side of the Park, just inside the flagstone walk. The Town Committee disputed this claim and desired to enclose the park with a row of posts. John Hall was a member of the Committee at the time. "Uncle William" was taking his morning stroll down to "Deacon's" one day, and as he passed the Park he met Committeeman Hall who seemed to be in a quandary. "Uncle William" asked what the trouble was. Mr. Hall said he was looking for a man who had the courage to run a row of posts along the east side of the Park on the line claimed by the Town Committee to be the correct one. "Uncle William," who was never known to shirk a fight, concluded that the job was just about his size, and volunteered to do it. He went about his work so quickly that the posts were in position before the property-owners were aware of it. Thus the present east line of the Park was fixed, and it has never since been disputed. "Uncle William" afterwards took the boys down to "Deacon's" and ordered out a little of the stuff that "Deacon" kept on hand exclusively for committees from the Board of Freeholders, who occasionally dined there.

Emex Listens to a Sermon.

Last Sunday evening the active members of Emex Hook and Ladder Company, accompanied by a large number of honorary members, marched in a body to the First Presbyterian Church, and listened to a sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. H. W. Ballantine, chaplain of the company. In the course of the sermon Mr. Ballantine said he had heard a man sneeringly ask, "What need has a fire company for a chaplain?" He mentioned the fact that Congress, State Legislatures, and other public bodies had chaplains, and were not criticised for it. He thought a fire company had as much right and need for a chaplain as any of these. It was an ancient custom to ask divine blessing on every undertaking for the public good, and he thought that a volunteer fire company was doing a work that was not half appreciated. It had been said that many had become members of the company for the pecuniary and social advantages. The speaker scouted this idea. He said had this been the motive the company would have gone out of existence long before this.

Dr. Ballantine spoke of the good work that has been done in the mountain pass between Switzerland and Italy by the St. Bernard monks, and likened that done by a volunteer fire company in its efforts to protect life and property to it.

The sermon was very instructive, and was listened to with marked attention by the firemen. Dr. Ballantine, during the short time he has been chaplain, has become very popular with the members of the truck company.

New Sidewalks and Street Grades.

An application for a flagstone sidewalk by a property-owner on Midland Avenue gave rise to a long discussion at the Town Committee meeting on Monday. The question arose whether the grade of Midland Avenue should be established in order that the sidewalk might be put down to grade at once. Mr. Beach did not think it was necessary to establish the grade of a street in order to put down a stone sidewalk. He regarded it as unnecessary in a town the size of Bloomfield to require all sidewalk to conform to grade. It was well enough to do so on the business streets, but in such streets as Midland Avenue it would result in destroying a great many nice trees.

Mr. Oakes differed with Mr. Beach. He said it was only a matter of time when the sidewalk would have to be brought to grade and the trees removed. In the case of the application from Midland Avenue he was of the opinion that the sidewalk could be put down on the present grade.

In the course of the discussion the attitude of the sidewalk in front of Jason Crane's property on Franklin Street was referred to. Some of the Committee were of the opinion that a serious mistake had been made in not bringing the walk down to grade years ago.

Death of Mr. Hunt's Father.

James Hunt, father of George Hunt, Superintendent of the Consolidated Safety Pin Co., died at his home, No. 90 Hicks Street, Brooklyn, on Tuesday evening of congestion of the brain, at the age of sixty-eight years. Deceased was well known and highly respected. Funeral services were held at his late residence on Thursday. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

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WILL EXCEED THE ESTIMATE.

THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING THE
OUTLET SEWER WILL BE INCREASED.

A Great Deal of Blasting Necessary—A
New Proposition in Reference to Montclair's Main.

The authorities of this town and Montclair have not arrived at any definite conclusion in regard to the construction of the main sewer that is to carry Montclair's sewage to the main outlet. It was first proposed that the two towns join in the expense of the construction. The latest proposition is to the effect that this town construct the sewer and make the same arrangement with Montclair in regard to its use that both towns made with the city of Orange for the construction of the union outlet.

The route of the union outlet through the city of Newark to the Passaic has at last been made public. It begins at the present terminus of the brick sewer on Mill Street, near Mount Prospect Avenue, and runs through Mount Prospect Avenue across the Second River, and thence down along the southern side of the Second River to a point midway between Summer Avenue and Washington Street, where the tidal chamber is to be located. Thence it will pass through the property purchased from J. T. Kitchell through the right of way through the property of the Compressed Barrel Company to Riverside Avenue, and along Riverside Avenue to the south side of the New York and Greenwood Lake Railroad. From this point to the river the exact route has not yet been fully determined on.

The city of Newark is going to contest the right of Orange and the townships to run sewage into the Passaic at the point designated, and the Board of Public Works has voted \$500 for the employment of assistant counsel to assist E. L. Price, Counsel for the Board, in presenting the case to the court.

Thirty-three thousand dollars was considered a very liberal approximate estimate of the cost to this town of its share in the union outlet. As the work has proceeded geological conditions have been met with that make it almost certain that the approximate estimates will be exceeded. The sinking of shafts along the route of the sewer, for the purpose of ascertaining the geological condition of the ground through which the excavation will have to be made, has revealed the fact that a great deal of it is through rock and much blasting will have to be done. This was suspected at the time the bids were put in for the work, and was probably anticipated by Smith, Lee & Company, whose figures for lumber to be used in bracing were ridiculously low, and their figures for blasting correspondingly high.

G. Lee Stout of the Town Committee, in looking over the specifications, remarked:

"When you see contractors name a ridiculously low price for one article and a high price for another, you may make up your mind that they are going to use but little of the former." It was Mr. Stout's opinion that there would be more rock than dirt found along the line of the excavation, and very little lumber would be required. This blasting of rock will result in a large increase in the cost of the work.

Robbery at the American House.

A sneak thief, supposed to be a woman, entered the apartments of Mrs. William R. Courter, wife of the genial proprietor of the American House, on Sunday and stole therefrom a pair of bracelets, a diamond ring, an amethyst ring, and a gold ring containing three emeralds, valued in all at about \$300. The door of the room had been left open and the stolen articles were lying on the bureau. Mrs. Courter had just taken a valuable pair of diamond ear-rings, which were with the other jewelry, and placed them in her ears, or they also would have been stolen. The American House at this season of the year is usually filled with boarders, both transient and permanent and it is easy for any one to slip in and mingle with the guests without arousing suspicion. A detective has been employed on the case.

Mrs. Lyall's Collar-Bone Broken.

As Mrs. David P. Lyall of No. 432 Franklin Street was descending the front stairs of her residence on Thursday evening, a pet dog walked on the train of her dress, causing her to pitch head foremost to the bottom. Her shoulder came in contact with the front door, which was open, breaking her collar-bone in two places and bruising her body considerably. Dr. Wilson was summoned and attended to her injuries.

Damaging a New House.

The new house belonging to A. J. King on Belleville Avenue was broken into by some miscreants on Monday night, and the boiler badly damaged with a hammer or some other blunt instrument. The water was turned on, doing considerable damage to the ceiling. It is thought they intended to steal the boiler, but were alarmed at the noise they made and fled, venting their spite by turning on the water.

Protect your trees by using Hartmann Free Guards. S. Peloubet, agent. —Advt.

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